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**DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS AND MINING**

Re: **Improvements, Calliham Mine, M/037/023**
Umetco Minerals Corporation, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Property owners at the Calliham have recently requested that some of the improvements resulting from the mining operation remain on their property to assist them in their livestock operations. The improvements are detailed in letters recently sent to you by the property owners.

The ventilation raises at the site are described as follows:

Calliham No. 1	4 ft. diameter cased with a concrete collar
Calliham No. 2	4 ft. diameter cased with a concrete collar
Calliham No. 3	7 ft. diameter non cased with a concrete collar
Skidmore No. 1	5 ft. diameter cased with a concrete collar
Skidmore No. 2	7 ft. diameter non cased with a concrete collar

Presently, the reclamation plan calls for backfilling of the ventilation raises. The following method is proposed for Calliham ventilation raises No. 1 and No. 2 to insure safe closure, yet meet the desires of landowner Gerald Calliham:

Remove the concrete collar and excavate down to a depth of at least 6 feet, cut off the casing, weld plate over the casing, place 6-inch maximum diameter capped pipe through the welded plate and extend pipe to the surface, place a small amount of concrete on the plate, then backfill the excavation and seed.

The other ventilation raises will be backfilled in accordance with the reclamation plan.

Umetco requests that the above closure method be approved for Calliham ventilation raises No. 1 and No. 2, and that the improvements described by the landowners remain on site and become the property of the landowners. The main power line to the site is owned by Empire Electric, and will remain on site until Empire Electric desires to remove it.

The seed mix presently in the reclamation plan is outdated. Umetco requests that the following seed mix be used. It has been approved by the Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology for the nearby Deremo Mine site.

Species	Rate PLS (Lbs/Acre)	Seeds (Sq. Ft.)
Sand dropseed	0.20	24.3
Indian ricegrass - Nespar	1.50	8.3
Western wheatgrass - Arriba	2.60	7.5
Slender wheatgrass - Primar	6.00	22.0
Four wing saltbush	5.30	8.5
Total	15.60	70.6

Application: seed mix totals are doubled if any seeding method other than drilling is used.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call me at (970) 256-8881.

Sincerely,



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Mines Reclamation Manager

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